

# **Promise of Hope**

Week 2: Zechariah's Song - Hope for the Waiting | Teacher: Libin Abraham Sermon Questions for 12.14.2025

## **Opener**

When you're having to wait on something or someone, how do you typically handle it?

#### Read

Luke 1:67-79; Luke 1:5-7; Luk 1:11-14, Luke 1:18-20; Luke 1:57-66; Malachi 4:2

#### **Main Points**

- 1. Waiting is an admission to our soul that there are things outside of our control.
- 2. Zechariah was a priest and his name means *God Remembers*. Elizabeth was from a long line of priests and her name means *God is Abundance*.
- 3. Advent calls us to be attentive to the presence of the living God.
- 4. Even when we are not faithful in our waiting, God is faithful in his promise.
- 5. Zechariah blessed God for three reasons: (1) God has redeemed, (2) God has raised up, and (3) God has remembered.
- 6. We bless our children not by making them the center of the universe, but by teaching them to point to the One who is.

## **Engage with God in a Group**

- Why do you think it's difficult to wait for something or someone?
- When have you learned something important about yourself through having to wait on something or someone?
- What is something you're waiting on in your life right now?
- How might God use times of waiting to reveal something about ourselves or about the thing we're waiting for?
- What might it look like to wait in faith, instead of waiting in frustration or impatience?
- What are some faith practices you could try in seasons of waiting?

### **Bottom Line**

What God does in us in our waiting is often more important than what we are waiting for.